



## COUNTERTOP COMPARISON CHART

	<b>Granite</b>	<b>Quartz</b>	<b>Solid Surface</b>	<b>Butcherblock</b>	<b>Stainless Steel</b>	<b>Laminate</b>
<b>Material</b>	100% natural stone, quarried from the earth	Man-made: 85 – 95% crushed quartz with a resin binder	Man-made from acrylic or polyester plastics	100% natural laminated wood	Man-made metal	Man-made plastic fused to a plywood backing.
<b>Finishes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Polished</li> <li>- Honed</li> <li>- Leather</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Polished</li> <li>- Honed</li> </ul>	Satin	Oiled	Brushed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Polished</li> <li>- Matte</li> <li>- Textured</li> </ul>
<b>Scratch Resistant</b>	✓	✓	No	No	No	No
<b>Repairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small nicks can be filled</li> <li>- Large damaged areas must be replaced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small nicks can be filled</li> <li>- Large damaged areas must be replaced</li> </ul>	Must be repaired by a certified fabricator	Can be easily sanded out	Not easily repaired	Not easily repaired
<b>Sink Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under-mount</li> <li>- Self-rim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under-mount</li> <li>- Self-rim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integral Bowl</li> <li>- Under-mount</li> <li>- Self-rim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under-mount</li> <li>- Self-rim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integral Bowl</li> <li>- Under-mount</li> <li>- Self-rim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-rim</li> </ul>
<b>Pros</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easy to clean</li> <li>- Natural stone appearance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easy to clean</li> <li>- Will not stain</li> <li>- Uniform color</li> <li>- Virtually maintenance free</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seamless</li> </ul>	Most sanitary of countertop materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seamless</li> <li>- Sanitary</li> <li>- Easy to clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Available in many colors &amp; patterns</li> <li>- Least expensive</li> </ul>
<b>Cons</b>	Porous - must be sealed periodically to prevent staining	Can be most expensive	Burns and scratches easily	Porous - need to periodically apply mineral oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scratches easily</li> <li>- Dents easily</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not easily repaired</li> <li>- May have seams</li> </ul>